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September 2, 1997

Mr. Ken Van Vellsor
California Department of Transportation
111 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94623-0660
RE: Draft EIR Marin 10 1 HOV Gap Closure Project, SCH No. 93023054
Dear Mr. Van Vellsor,

Thank you for providing the San Francisco Bay trail Project at the Association of Bay Area Governments with a copy of the DEIR for the 10 1 Gap Closure project in Marin County. We have reviewed the document and would like to take this opportunity to provide comments.

The San Francisco Bay Trail is a proposed 400-mile multi-use shoreline trail that traverses nine counties and 42 cities. Currently the Bay Trail is about 50% complete. Our Bay Trail Plan, which was approved in 1990, shows existing segments of the Bay Trail in proximity to the project site as a Class 11 alignment along Anderson Avenue, and as a Class I segment along Sir Francis Drake, south across Corte Madera Creek and along Redwood Highway. Proposed segments of the Trail are shown by the dotted lines in the enclosed *Bay Trail Map 9: Golden Gate North*.

We found no mention of the Bay Trail alignment in the DEIR. Our understanding is that the city of San Rafael and Larkspur did endorse the Bay Trail plan thus the alignment should be detailed in the FEIR.

Further, we found no discussion of the impacts the project may have on the existing segments of Bay Trail, or discussion of mitigation measures to avoid any possible impacts that may occur. In addition, the DEIR does not address the possible impacts the project may have on the pedestrian overpass that exists between Lucky Street and Rich Street, listed as the Westside Widening Alternative W- I Greenbrae Pedestrian Overcrossing. Please address these concerns in the FEIR.

Finally, the improvements to be provided to the future Anderson Drive bicycle route mentioned on page 11, and the alternatives for transportation improvements within the limits of the HOV Gap Closure project area that had been designed in cooperation with the Marin Bikeways Committee and Marin County Parks and Open Space mentioned on page 15 of the DEIR are not detailed in the document. Please include discussion and details of these agreements in the FEIR.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the DEIR. Please keep us apprised of all future developments in this project. Future documents and details may be sent to: Bay Trail Project c/o ABAG, Attn: Karen Moonitz, P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604-2050. If you have questions or comments you may reach me at (510) 464-7915.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Moonitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Moonitz
Bay Trail Planner

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LUCAS VALLEY

FAIRFAX

SAN ANSELMO

ROSS

SAN RAFAEL

MARINWOOD

NOVATO

See Map 8
for continuation

BEL MARIN
KEYS

HAMILTON
AIR FORCE
BASE

John F McInnis
Park

SANTA
VENETIA

Marin County
Fairgrounds &
Civic Center

China Camp
State Park

China Camp
Historic Area

McNears Beach
County Park

Lock Lomond
Marina

Pickleweed Park

Larkspur
Ferry Terminal

Point Pinole
Regional Shoreline

San Pablo Bay

SAN PABLO

Wildcat Creek
View Point

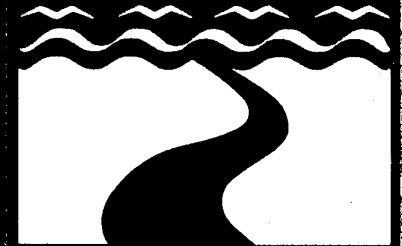
- Boat Ramp
- Boat Rental
- Camping/Hostel
- Disabled Access
- Dogs On-leash
- Drinking Water
- Educational/Visitor Center
- Fishing
- Food
- Parking
- Parking/Facility Use Fee
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Scenic Point
- Windsurfing

- Bay Trail (path)
- Bay Trail (bike lane)
- Bay Trail, Proposed
- Connector Trail
- Levee

GOLDEN GATE NORTH

Marin County

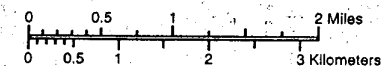
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MAP 9

WINDY

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SCALE

China Camp State Park, San Rafael
 East Fort Baker, Marin County
 San Francisco Bay Model Visitors' Center, Sausalito
 Richardson Bay Wildlife Preserve, Tiburon

Wine Country (Sonoma and Napa Counties):

Hudeman Slough, Sonoma County
 Napa Marshes Wildlife Area, Napa County
 San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Sonoma County

San Pablo Bay (Napa and Solano Counties):

Benicia State Recreation Area
 California Maritime Academy, Vallejo
 Kennedy Park, City of Napa

Upper East Bay (Contra Costa County):

Martinez Regional Shoreline Park
 Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park, Richmond
 Point Isabel Regional Shoreline, Richmond

Central East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties):

Arrowhead Marsh, Oakland
 Lake Merritt, Oakland
 Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, Richmond

Lower East Bay (Alameda County):

Hayward Area Interpretive Center
 San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Fremont
 San Leandro Marina and Hayward Shoreline Trail

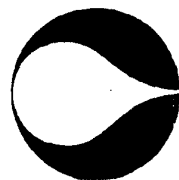
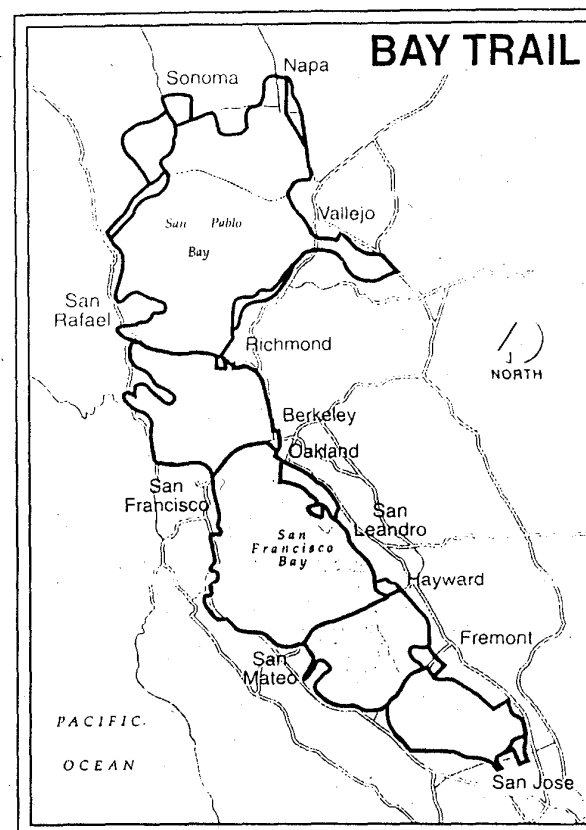
South Bay (Santa Clara County):

Alviso Environmental Education Center, San Jose
 Palo Alto Baylands Preserve
 Shoreline at Mountain View
 Sunnyvale Baylands Park

Peninsula (San Mateo County):

Coyote Point Park, Cities of San Mateo and Burlingame
 Ravenswood Open Space Preserve, San Mateo County
 Redwood Shores Mariner Park, Redwood City
 San Mateo County Fishing Pier, Foster City

- ✓ trash behind or take natural artifacts with you.
- ✓ Some trails may be closed during nesting season or when muddy. Call the local jurisdiction to get the most recent information.
- ✓ Avoid disturbing wildlife. Enjoy viewing opportunities from a distance.



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